

REMARKS

Claims 16, 17, 21-25, 27 and 28 are pending. Claims 16 is amended. Claims 1-15, 18-20, 26, 27 and 29-39 are canceled. No new matter has been added by way of these amendments nor is any further searching required of the Office. Support for the amendments is provided in the provisional application and throughout the specification as filed. Accordingly, consideration of the amendments and remarks below is respectfully requested.

Withdrawn Objections and Rejections

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the withdrawal of the claim objection and the novelty and obviousness rejections raised in the previous action.

The Pending Claims are Fully Enabled

The pending claims were rejected as allegedly not being supported by an enabling disclosure. While Applicants disagree with this rejection, in the interests of advancing this case to issuance, the limitations of claim 27 have been incorporated into claim 16. This amendment renders the present rejection moot and places the pending claims in condition for allowance. As such, the present rejection should be withdrawn.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

CONCLUSION

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no. 220002065000. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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